

NMMU HONOURS BURSARY GUIDELINES

One of the primary functions of the Research Capacity Development Department (RCD) is to award and administer bursaries for Honours students according to stipulated criteria. In this process, every effort is made to reward academic excellence and to provide financial support to needy students to enable them to study successfully. These two criteria thus inform the process of selecting students as well as the strategic imperatives of the university as well as a publicly funded institution within the Higher Education in South Africa.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF BURSARY:

- South African citizens and SADC students may apply
- Students must be registered for a Full-time Honours programme
Students who register for a 4th year of a Bachelor degree, PGCE, LLB, BTech, or Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas are not eligible, but may be eligible for funding for Undergraduate studies that may be advertised by the Financial Aid Office, North Campus.
- Students should obtain at least a total average of 60% or more in their previous qualification
- All fields of study qualify to apply
- Funding will be made available to successful applicants for the duration of 1 academic year only
Students who received NMMU Bursary previously may not qualify for subsequent qualifications
Students who have a previous Postgraduate (Honours/BTech) qualification do not qualify to apply
- NMMU does not guarantee that an applicant will receive funding as selection is limited by the annual budget allocation.
- Awards do not undertake to provide full cost funding for Honours students. Students are advised to apply for additional funding from external sources.
- Beneficiaries of the bursary may only undertake a maximum of 12 hours of teaching, tutorials, assistance or demonstration duties per week on average during the year of study and may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Online Application
2. Student receives application link from RCD Office following a call placed on the NMMU Communique

DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO APPLICATION

- Full Academic Record – proof that degree has been successfully completed must be indicated. Kindly note that a degree certificate on its own cannot be used to grant a bursary as we require actual marks.
- Copy of Identity Document or Passport (in the case of SADC students).

AWARDING AND PAYMENT OF BURSARY FUNDING

1. Successful applicants will be notified in writing of the bursary award.
2. Successful applicants need to sign Acceptance of Conditions before funds can be released. RCD reserves the right to re-allocate any bursary where the student fails to sign the Conditions of Acceptance by 31 March
3. The bursary allocation is released after a student is registered.
4. Fifty percent (50%) of the allocation is released in the first semester by end March. The second semester allocation is released based on the satisfactory results or progress in the first semester.

Very Important Information:

1. Please note that if you are eligible for NMMU Honours Bursary you would still need to apply for additional funding to fund your studies.
2. NSFAS and NRF cannot be held concurrently.
3. No refunds are permitted to students receiving NSFAS as the amount is used to reduce the NSFAS loan amount.
4. NRF and NMMU Honours Bursary cannot be held concurrently.
5. To ensure equitable distribution of funding, NMMU places a limitation on bursary or scholarship funding received by an individual student. These maxima are reviewed periodically by a Committee and are available at RCD.
6. NMMU reserves the right to recover any funds allocated to any student from the University's own funding if the student receives support in excess of the stated maxima.
7. Late and Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
8. Students who do not meet the required minimum 60% overall average, should not apply

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9. All correspondence is directed to the student official NMMU email and it remains the students' responsibility to check this account on a regular basis.